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FM AMEMBASSY COTONOU

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SUBJ: AMB ADJIBADE TO MOVE TO BONN

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1. DAHOMEAN AMB TO THE US AND THE UN TIAMIOU ADJIBADE IS TO BE NAMED AMB TO BONN. EMBASSY LEARNED IN CONFIDENCE FROM GERMAN FEDERAL REPUBLIC'S CHARGE THAT AGREEMENT HAS ALREADY BEEN GRANTED. HE WILL PROCEED TO BONN AT THE END OF THIS YEAR, FOLLOWING COMPLETION OF THE CURRENT SESSION TO THE UN GA.

2. THE MOVE OF ADJIBADE FROM THE US TO WEST GERMANY IS PART OF A MAJOR PURGE OF DAHOMEY'S AMBASSADORS. SIX NEW APPOINTMENTS ARE TO BE ANNOUNCED, REPORTEDLY ON OCT 15. EMBASSY CAN CONFIRM THAT AGREEMENT HAS ALSO BEEN SOUGHT FOR NEW AMBASSADORS TO FRANCE (MEDE MOUSSA YAYA) AND ZAIRE (FOREIGN MINISTRY DIR GENERAL RENE MONGBE). OTHER CHANGES WILL INCLUDE NEW AMBASSADORS TO LAGOS (REPORTEDLY EUSTACHE PRUDENCIO), AND WASHINGTON AND A REPLACEMENT FOR AMB POGNON IN BRUSSELS, WHO DENOUNCED KEREKOU REGIME, RESIGNED AND JOINED EXILE OPPOSITION.

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3. COMMENT: DAHOMEY'S MARXIST-LENINIST GOVT IS CLEANSING ITS HOUSE OF ALL OF ITS AMBASSADORS WITH TRUS TO THE "ANCIEN REGIME". THEY ARE BEING REPLACED WITH MORE SUITABLE PROPAGANDISTS FOR THE GOVT'S RADICAL IDEOLOGY. IN MOST CASES FAMILIARITY WITH DIPLOMACY DOES NOT FIGURE IN THE SELECTION PROCESS. ADJIBADE IS THE ONLY MEMBER OF THE GROUP OF NEW APPOINTEES WHO POSSESSES SIGNIFICANT EXPERIENCE. HE HAS MADE ENOUGH OF THE RIGHT LOUD NOISES IN LAST FEW MONTHS TO ESTABLISH HIS REVOLUTIONARY CREDENTIALS WITH THE REGIME.

4. WILL SUBMIT BIO REPORTS ON NEW AMBASSADORS (PARA 2) TO DEPT AND POSTS CONCERNED.  
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